company) to these mills and interest thereon as well as the amount of VRS already paid to the workers who had accepted voluntary retirement and to discharge the liabilities towards arrears of statutory dues of the workers.

None of the State Governments have responded positively to the proposal so far.

Market for Cotton Procurement in A.P.

5634. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to open a cotton procurement market for buying cotton at Jadcheralla in Mahaboob Nagar district in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in processing; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative the reasons for shelving the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) There was proposal, in December, 1998, from Shri Ravi Mallu, Member of Parliament for establishment of purchase centre of Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) at Jadcheralla in Mahaboob Nagar District of Andhra Pradesh and he was informed that the market yard at Jadcheralla was functioning two days a week and that the representative of CCI remain present at the time of auction at the market yard. At present, the CCI is operating at Jadcheralla (Badepalli market yard) as "satellite centre" to its Shadnagar centre.

Purchase of Hindi Typewriters

†5635. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) the names of such offices under his Ministry/Department which do not have a single Hindi typewriter so far;

(b) the reasons for not purchasing the Hindi typewriter so far; and

(c) the action taken to ensure compliance of targets fixed for the purchase of Hindi typewriters by the Deptt. of Official Language in its annual Hindi programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) No office has reported the unavailability of Hindi typing facility. Progressively, manual typewriters are being replaced in the Ministry by computers which can be used to type in both Hindi and English.

Training of Hindi Typing and Shorthand

5636. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of such typists and stenographers in his Ministry/ Department and subordinate offices who have not received training of Hindi typing or Hindi shorthand; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not giving them such training so far and by when they are supposed to be given such training?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) As per information available, till date, 21 typists and 16 stenographers, in the Ministry of Textiles as also its subordinate officers located in Mumbai and Calcutta out of 88 typists and 42 stenographers are yet to receive training in Hindi typing and shorthand, respectively. A roster has been prepared for the training. Due to exigencies of services, it is not always possible to sent the officials nominated for training as per schedule. However, every attempt is made to give training as per the targets set.